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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT III-2.1 (INTERREACTION BETWEEN FOESTS, PLANTS, AND POLLUTANTS)

- 1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO DR. ALEKSANDER ALEXSEYEVICH MOLCHANOV, DIRECTOR, FORESTRY LABORATORY, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN HERE), WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET:
- 2. DEAR DR. MOLCHANOV: I AM PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR DESIGUNCLASSIFIED

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NATION AS SOVIET LEADER OF PROJECT III-2.1 (INTERREACTION

BETWEEN FORESTS, PLANTS, AND POLLUTANTS) UNDER THE US-USSR ENVIORNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

3. I PROPOSE THAT A DELEGATION OF THREE TO SEVEN SOVIET SPECIALISTS VISIT THE USA FOR UP TO TEN DAYS IN AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER 1975. THEY WOULD VISIT THE COMBINED FOREST SERVICE AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE LABORATORY IN DELAWARE, OHIO, THE HUBBARD BROOK EXPERIMENTAL FOREST IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND IF THE SOVIET DELEGATION WISHES, ONE OR MORE OF OUR EASTERN UNIVERSITIES OR INSTITUTES INVESTIGATING AIR POLLUTION.

TH GOAL WILL BE TO DISCUSS AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON:

(1) THE POTENTIAL OF TREES TO AMELIORATE AIR POLLUTION, (2) TECHNIQUES FOR MEASURING IMPACT OF POLLUTION IN FOREST ECOSYSTEMS, (3) THE GROWING THREAT OF ACID PRECIPITATION IN FOREST ECOSYSTEMS, AND (4) FUTURE PROJECTS FOR BENEFICIAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN US AND USSR IN THE AREA OF FOREST AIR POLLUTION.

TO BE CONSISTENT WITH PROTOCOL INVOLVING US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE INVOLVING US/USSR AGREEMENTS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE SOVIET DELEGATES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS OF TRAVEL, LODGING, MEALS, AND INCIDENTALS. THE FOREST SERVICE WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETER SERVICE, HOWEVER.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SIMILAR EXCHANGE VISIT TO THE USSR BY A SMALL DELEGATION OF US SCIENTISTS IN 1976.

WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE EXHCNAGE OF ONE TO TWO SCIENTISTS ON PERHAPS 6-MONTH TO 1-YEAR ASSIGNMENTS AT APPROPRIATE LABORATORIES.

WE WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS RELATED TO FOREST AIR POLLUTION RESEARCH (E.G., PULBICATIONS AND SEEDS OF POLLUTION-TOLERATN TREES.).

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DURING EXCHANGE VISITS, WE WISH TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH SUCH AS IMPROVING THE TECHNOLOGY TO ASSESS IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION IN FOREST ECOSYSTEMS.

WE ARE OPEN TO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS AND WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE THAT CAN IMPROVE WAYS TO PROTECT OUR FOREST ENVIRONMENTS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, DR. HOWARD E. HAGGESTAD OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL BE IN MOSCOW AUGUST 20-27 TO ATTEND THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONFERENCE, AND CAN ARRANGE TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS OUR PROJECT IF THIS IS CONVENIENT.

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY REPLY, I REMAIN

SINCERELY,

RICHARD G. KREBILL
FOREST SERVICE
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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